

The History of

What with our helpe, what with the absent King,
What with the iniuries of wanton time,
The seeming sufferances that you had borne,
And the contrarious windes that helde the King
So long in the vnluckie *Irish* Warres,
That all in *England* did repute him dead;
And from his swarme of faire aduantages,
You tooke occasion to bee quickly wooed,
To gripe the generall sway into your hand;
Forgot your oath to vs at *Doncaster*;
And being fed by vs, you vs'de vs so,
As that vngentle Gull the Cuckowes bird,
Vserh the Sparrow, did oppresse our nest,
Grew by our feeding, to so great a bulke,
That euen our loue durst not come neere your sight,
For feare of swallowing: but with nimble wing
Wee were inforst for safety sake, to flie
Out of your sight, and raise this present head,
Whereby we stand opposed by such meanes
As you your selfe hate forg'd against your selfe,
By vnkinde vsage, dangerous countenance,
And violation of all faith and troth,
Swore to vs in your younger enterprize.

King. These things indeede you haue articulate,
Proclaym'd at Market crosses, read in Churches,
To face the garment of Rebellion,
With some fine colour that may please the eye
Of fickle changelings, and poore discontents,
Which gape, and rub the Elbow at the newes
Of hurly burly inuocation:
And neuer yet did insurrection want
Such water colours, to impaint his cause;
Nor muddy Beggars, staruing for a time,
Of pel-mell haucke and confusion.

Prin. In both your Armies, there is many a soule,
Shall pay full dearly for this encounter.
If once they ioyne in tryall, tell your Nephew,
The Prince of *Wales* doth ioyne with all the world.

Henry the Fourth.

In prayse of *Harry Percy*: by my hopes
This present enterprize set of his head,
I doe not thinke a brauer Gentleman,
More active, more valiant, or more valiant yong,
More daring, or more bold, is now aline,
To grace this latter age with noble deeds:
For my part, I may speake it to my shame,
I haue a trewant been to *Chinalric*,
And so I heare he doth account me too;
Yet this before my Fathers Maiestie,
I am content that hee shall take the odds
Of his great name and estimation,
And will to saue the bloud on either side,
Try fortune with him in a single fight,

King. And, *Prince of Wales*, so dare we venture thee,
Albeit, considerations infinite
Doe make against it: No, good *Worcester*, no,
Wee loue our people well; euen those wee loue,
That are misled vpon your Cousins parts:
And will they take the offer of our Grace,
Both hee, and they, and you, yea euery man,
Shall bee my friend againe, and Ile be his.
So tell your Cousin, and bring me word,
What hee will doe. But if hee will not yeeld,
Rebuke and dread correction waite on vs,
And they shall doe their office. So be gone:
Wee will not now bee troubled with reply,
Wee offer faire, take it aduisedly. *Exit Worcester.*

Prin. It will not be accepted on my life,
The *Douglas* and the *Hotspur* both together
Are confident against the world in armes.

King. Hence therefore, euery Leader to his charge,
For on their answere will we set on them;
And God besfriend vs as our cause is iust.

Exeunt. Manent

Fal. Hal. If thou see me downe in the Battel.
And bestride me so, tis a point of frendship;

Prin. Nothing but a *Colossus* can doe thee that frendship.
Say thy prayers, and farewell.